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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIES

to the

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

BERLIN FLIGHTS (U)

1. The enclosed memorandum (Enclosure "A") by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, dated 8 April 1959, is circulated for information.
2. The message to USCINCEUR in Enclosure "B" hereto, was dispatched as JCS 957670 on 8 April 1959.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

8 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL TWINING

Following is the substance of the understanding reached with Secretary Herter this morning in the matter of resumption of C-130 corridor flights.

State (Messrs. Kohler and Merchant) are coordinating with Defense on response to the Soviet protest note. Our response should be delivered by Ambassador Thompson to the USSR next Friday or Saturday, after which Defense will be cleared to make an additional C-130 flight under the same clearance and conditions as the first one, namely, clear weather, etc.

In view of complication with allies, State requests that we review with them the results of this second flight before continuing with a third and subsequent flights.

Messrs. Kohler and Merchant, working through Mr. Irwin's office, will keep us advised of the status of the U.S. response to the Soviet note.

/s/ Donald A. Quarles
Deputy

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Enclosure "A"

ENCLOSURE "B"

ROUTINE

FROM: JCS WASH DC
TO: USCINCEUR PARIS FRANCE
INFO: CINCUSAFE WIESBADEN GERMANY
CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY
CINCNELM LONDON ENGLAND

TOP SECRET

From JCS.

Part I. Amb Thompson in Moscow will deliver to USSR on 10 or 11 Apr 59 US response to Soviet protest on first C-130 flight to and from Berlin above 10,000 feet. Thereafter, you will be cleared to make one additional flight above 10,000 feet to and from Berlin under same clearance and weather conditions as first one. In view of complications with Allies, third and subsequent flights will not be authorized until Soviet reaction to second flight is evaluated.

Part II. Do not make second C-130 flight until authorized by JCS.

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Enclosure "B"